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SUBJECT: MOT BUDGET FUNDS TO CONTINUE STATESIDE TESTING OF U.S.
MADE AUTOMOBILES

REF: TOKYO 14204

1. SUMMARY. MOT WILL SEEK BUDGET ALLOCATION FOR STATESIDE
TESTING OF 1979 MODEL AUTOMOBILES FROM FINANCE MINISTRY
IN DISCUSSIONS BEGINNING DECEMBER 22 AND HAS ASKED FOR LETTER
FROM USG REQUESTING TESTING. SUGGEST LETTER BELOW BE SENT.
END SUMMARY.

2. MOT ROAD TRANSPORT BUREAU OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY
THEY WILL BEGIN THEIR JFY 1978 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS WITH
THE FINANCE MINISTRY ON DECEMBER 22 AND WILL INCLUDE
A REQUEST FOR FUNDS TO AGAIN SEND MOT INSPECTORS TO THE
U.S. TO CONDUCT WITNESS TESTING OF 1979 MODEL VEHICLES.
TO ASSIST IN OBTAINING SUCH FUNDS, MOT HAS ASKED US FOR
LETTER PREFERABLY FROM DOT OR FROM EMBASSY OFFICIAL.
WE SUGGEST FOLLOWING TEXT:

3. BEGIN TEXT: DURING THE PAST SEVERAL MONTHS, THE
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U.S. AND JAPANESE GOVERNMENTS HAVE DISCUSSED VARIOUS
WAYS IN WHICH THE EXPORT OF U.S. MOTOR VEHICLES TO
JAPAN MIGHT BE FACILITATED.

PARA. THIS PAST SUMMER, IN ORDER TO EXPEDITE THE
CERTIFICATION OF THE 1978 U.S. MODELS TO BE
MARKETED IN JAPAN, THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY SENT OFFICIALS

TO THE UNITED STATES TO CONDUCT TYPE APPROVAL TESTS. THIS PROCEDURE CONSIDERABLY SHORTENED THE AMOUNT OF TIME REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE CERTIFICATION PROCESS IN JAPAN AND HAS ENABLED AT LEAST ONE U.S. MANUFACTURER TO HAVE ALL HIS 1978 MODELS READY FOR SALE DURING THE PEAK DECEMBER-JANUARY MARKETING PERIOD.

PARA. STATESIDE TESTING ALSO ENABLES U.S. AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERS TO MEET DIRECTLY WITH MOT OFFICIALS AND GAIN A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF BOTH THE JAPANESE VEHICLE CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND THE REASONS FOR THEM.

PARA. DURING THE AUTO STANDARDS TALKS HELD IN TOKYO IN SEPTEMBER, 1977, THE U.S. SIDE ASKED THAT THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT AGAIN CARRY OUT TYPE APPROVAL TESTS ON 1979 MODELS IN THE UNITED STATES. ON NOVEMBER 4, THE EMBASSY FORWARDED THE TRANSPORT MINISTRY ON BEHALF OF CHRYSLER, FORD AND GENERAL MOTORS, A LETTER FROM THE MOTOR VEHICBE MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION CONTAINING A ROUGH ESTIMATE OF THE COST THAT WOULD BE INVOLVED.

PARA. I WOULD LIKE TO CONFIRM OUR REQUEST THAT TYPE APPROVAL TESTS AGAIN BE CARRIED OUT IN THE U.S. ON 1979 MODELS AT CHRYSLER, FORD AND GM FACILITIES
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AND SPECIFICALLY URGE THE MINISTRY'S CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. END TEXT.

4. MOT HAS TOLD US LETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO TWO DIRECTOR-GENERALS: S. NAKAMURA OR ROAD TRANSPORT BUREAU AND M. HANAJIMA OF THE TRAFFIC SAFETY AND NUISANCE RESEARCH INSTITUTE. IF DOT OFFICIAL CANNOT SIGN LETTER, SUGGEST EMBASSY BE AUTHORIZED TO SEND IT. WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT CYRYSLER, FORD AND GM STILL WISH TO PARTICIPATE SINCE WE HAVE HAD SOME REPORTS GM IS RECONSIDERING.

5. COMMENT: WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THIS MOT INITIATIVE AND WISH TO SUPPORT THEM IN EFFORT TO OBTAIN BUDGET FUNDS. REQUEST ADVICE SOONEST.

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